



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 501

February Session, 2002

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION
REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICIANS AND PLUMBERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2003*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Accredited continuing professional education" means any
4 education of an electrician or plumber that is designed to maintain
5 professional competence in the pursuit, practice and standards of
6 electrical work or plumbing and piping work and that is approved by
7 the commissioner and is provided by an organization, institution or
8 agency that is approved by the commissioner;

9 (2) "Certificate of continuing education" means a document issued
10 to an electrician or plumber by an organization, institution or agency
11 approved by the commissioner that offers accredited continuing
12 professional education, which (A) certifies that an electrician or
13 plumber has satisfactorily completed a specified number of continuing
14 education hours, and (B) bears the name of such organization,
15 institution or agency, the title of the program, the dates during which
16 the program was conducted, the number of continuing education
17 hours satisfactorily completed and the signature of the director of such
18 organization, institution or agency or the signature of the director's
19 authorized agent;

20 (3) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Consumer
21 Protection.

22 (b) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
23 Electrical Work Board established pursuant to subsection (b) of section
24 20-331 of the general statutes, shall adopt regulations, in accordance
25 with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to (1) establish requirements for
26 accredited continuing professional education for electricians licensed
27 pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, of the general statutes;
28 (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited continuing professional
29 education programs and establish qualifying criteria for acceptable
30 certificates of continuing education; and (3) provide for the waiver of
31 required accredited continuing professional education for electricians
32 for good cause.

33 (c) The commissioner, with the advice and assistance of the
34 Plumbing and Piping Work Board established pursuant to subsection
35 (d) of section 20-331 of the general statutes, shall adopt regulations, in
36 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to (1) establish
37 requirements for accredited continuing professional education for
38 plumbers licensed pursuant to sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, of
39 the general statutes; (2) establish qualifying criteria for accredited
40 continuing professional education programs and establish qualifying
41 criteria for acceptable certificates of continuing education; and (3)
42 provide for the waiver of required accredited continuing professional
43 education for plumbers for good cause.

44 Sec. 2. Section 20-335 of the general statutes is repealed and the
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2003*):

46 Any person who has successfully completed an examination for
47 [his] such person's initial license under this chapter shall pay to the
48 Department of Consumer Protection a fee of seventy-five dollars for a
49 contractor's license or a fee of sixty dollars for any other such license.
50 All such licenses shall expire annually. No person shall carry on or
51 engage in the work or occupations subject to this chapter after the

52 expiration of [his] such person's license until such person has filed an
 53 application bearing the date of [his] such person's registration card
 54 with the appropriate board. Such application shall be in writing,
 55 addressed to the secretary of the board from which such renewal is
 56 sought and signed by the person applying for such renewal. The board
 57 may renew such license if the application for such renewal is received
 58 by the board no later than one month after the date of expiration of
 59 such license, upon payment to the department of a renewal fee of
 60 seventy-five dollars in the case of a contractor and of sixty dollars for
 61 any other such license. As a condition of renewal, the licensee shall
 62 furnish evidence satisfactory to the board that the licensee has
 63 completed any continuing professional education required under
 64 sections 20-330 to 20-341, inclusive, and section 1 of this act, or any
 65 regulations adopted thereunder. The department shall issue a receipt
 66 stating the fact of such payment, which receipt shall be a license to
 67 engage in such work or occupation. A licensee who has failed to renew
 68 [his] such licensee's license for a period of over one year from the date
 69 of expiration of such license shall have it reinstated only upon
 70 complying with the requirements of section 20-333. All license fees and
 71 renewal fees paid to the department pursuant to this section shall be
 72 deposited in the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2003</i>

GL *Joint Favorable Subst.*